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Applicant: Patel
Group Art Unit: 3752
Examiner: James F. Hook
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

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AI 1. (Amended) A duct assembly for coupling a pair of components in fluid connection, the duct assembly comprising:

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